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FOLLOWING IS TEXT MESSAGE FROM SOVIET COMMANDANT GENERAL ZAKHAROV
TELEPHONED TO GENERAL HAMLETT 2300 AUGUST 11:

BEGIN TEXT

IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEPHONE MESSAGE OF 7 AUGUST, I WISH TO REMIND
YOU AGAIN THAT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE TREATY REGARDING RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE GDR DATED 20 SEPTEMBER 1955,
SOVIET MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE NOT INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL
MATTERS OF GDR. AS REGARDS THE ESSENCE OF THE CASE, IT SEEMS
THAT THE FACTS CONTAINED IN YOUR TELEPHONE MESSAGE ARE BASED
ON INCORRECT INFORMATION. AS IS APPARENT FROM A COMMUNICATION
PUBLISHED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE GDR, ON 7
AUGUST THE BORDER POLICE OF THE GDR EFFECTED A DETENTION ON THE
TERRITORY OF THE GDR NEAR THE BORDER OF THE ENCLAVE STEINSTUCKEN
OF A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL BY THE NAME OF KARZSCH WHO TRIED
TO AVOID THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMITTED CRIMINAL OFFENSES
AND TO ESCAPE TO WEST BERLIN.

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF GDR STATED THAT WHILE DETAINING THIS
CRIMINAL AN INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF THE STEINSTUCKEN BORDER
HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE AS IT IS KNOWN FROM THE MENTIONED COMMUNI-
CATION OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE GDR, ONE EMPLOYEE
OF THE BORDER POLICE OF THE GDR WHO FOUND HIMSELF ON THE TERRITORY
OF STEINSTUCKEN BY ACCIDENT, IMMEDIATELY LEFT IT AS SOON AS HE
ASCERTAINED THAT HE WAS ON THE STEINSTUCKEN TERRITORY. IN

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CONNECTION WITH THIS INCIDENT THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OF THE
BORDER POLICE OF THE GDR PRESENTED HIS APOLOGIES TO THE STEINSTUCKEN
AUTHORITIES.

THEREFORE THIS QUESTION HAD ALREADY BEEN SOLVED BETWEEN APPROPRIATE
GERMAN AUTHORITIES.

END TEXT

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